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**Chairmanship: Switzerland****983rd PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

1. Date: Thursday, 6 February 2014

Opened: 10.05 a.m.

Closed: 1.05 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Ambassador T. Greminger  
Mr. G. Scheurer

3. Subjects discussed – Statements – Decisions/documents adopted:

Agenda item 1: PRESENTATION BY THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE  
SECURITY COMMITTEE

Chairperson, Chairperson of the Security Committee, Greece-European Union (with the candidate countries the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Iceland, Montenegro and Serbia; the countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate countries Albania and Bosnia and Herzegovina; the European Free Trade Association countries Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area; as well as Andorra, Georgia, Moldova and San Marino, in alignment) (PC.DEL/96/14), United States of America (PC.DEL/92/14), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/105/14 OSCE+), Turkey (PC.DEL/111/14 OSCE+), Belarus (PC.DEL/110/14 OSCE+), Ukraine (PC.DEL/112/14 OSCE+), Canada, Norway, Armenia

Agenda item 2: OSCE MISSION IN KOSOVO

Chairperson, Head of the OSCE Mission in Kosovo (PC.FR/1/14 OSCE+), Greece-European Union (with the candidate countries the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Iceland and Montenegro; the country of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate country Bosnia and Herzegovina; and the European Free Trade Association country Norway, member of the European Economic Area, in alignment) (PC.DEL/95/14), United States of America (PC.DEL/100/14), Russian Federation

(PC.DEL/107/14 OSCE+), Turkey (PC.DEL/101/14 OSCE+), Albania, Serbia (PC.DEL/108/14 OSCE+)

Agenda item 3: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

- (a) *Situation in Ukraine*: Greece-European Union (with the candidate countries the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Iceland, Montenegro and Serbia; the countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate countries Albania and Bosnia and Herzegovina; the European Free Trade Association countries Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area; as well as San Marino, in alignment) (PC.DEL/98/14), United States of America (PC.DEL/93/14), Canada, Russian Federation (PC.DEL/104/14), Ukraine (PC.DEL/113/14), Chairperson
- (b) *Freedom of the media*: Russian Federation (PC.DEL/103/14), Greece-European Union (PC.DEL/97/14)
- (c) *Recent violent incidents close to the border between Armenia and Azerbaijan and along the line of contact*: Armenia, France (also on behalf of the Russian Federation and the United States of America), Azerbaijan, Germany
- (d) *Detention of the director of a Latin-script school in the Transdniestrian region of Moldova*: Moldova (PC.DEL/102/14), United States of America (PC.DEL/94/14), Greece-European Union, Romania, Russian Federation (PC.DEL/106/14), Chairperson
- (e) *Sami People's Day, observed on 6 February 2014*: Norway (PC.DEL/99/14)

Agenda item 4: REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE  
CHAIRPERSON-IN-OFFICE

*Upcoming visit of the Special Representative on the Western Balkans, Ambassador G. Stoudmann, to Serbia from 10 to 14 February 2014 (CIO.GAL/24/14):* Chairperson

Agenda item 5: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

- (a) *Fiftieth Munich Security Conference, held in Munich from 31 January to 2 February 2014*: Secretary General (SEC.GAL/15/14 OSCE+)
- (b) *Visit of the Secretary General to Cairo, Egypt, from 3 to 5 February 2014*: Secretary General (SEC.GAL/15/14 OSCE+)
- (c) *Deployment of an election support team to Afghanistan*: Secretary General, Chairperson, Sweden, Afghanistan (Partner for Co-operation) (SEC.GAL/15/14 OSCE+)

Agenda item 6: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Thirteenth Winter Meeting of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, to be held on 13 and 14 February 2014: OSCE Parliamentary Assembly*
- (b) *Presidential elections in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, to be held on 13 April 2014: the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (Annex)*
- (c) *Selection process for the position of the Director of the Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights: Chairperson*
- (d) *Hate attack at the Merlinka International Film Festival, on 1 February 2014: United States of America, Bosnia and Herzegovina*

4. Next meeting:

Thursday, 20 February 2014, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal



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**STATEMENT BY  
THE DELEGATION OF THE FORMER YUGOSLAV  
REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA**

Thank you, Mr. Chairperson,

I would like to inform the Permanent Council that, on 1 February, the President of the Assembly of the Republic of Macedonia, H.E. Trajko Veljanovski, announced that the national presidential elections will take place on 13 April 2014.

In the light of the OSCE commitments under the Copenhagen Document 1990, as well as the Istanbul Declaration of 1999, I would like to extend an invitation to the Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights, the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly and the OSCE participating States to deploy observers to these elections.

The Republic of Macedonia reiterates its willingness to welcome an observation mission once again to conduct elections in line with the OSCE commitments and election standards.

In conclusion, Mr. Chairperson, I would kindly ask you to append this statement to the journal of the day.

I thank you.